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## SIDE LIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION

A Few Observations From  
The True Northerner's  
Staff Artist

### NOISY CROWDS PREDOMINATE

Many Visitors to City Who Were  
Unable to Gain Admittance to the  
Coliseum.

The republican convention of 1912 is a thing of the past. To those who were able to get into the coliseum it was an event long to be remembered. The colossal convention hall was packed to its utmost capacity with a restless mass of humanity gathered from every state in this great republic.

The coliseum is one of the largest rooms without supporting posts in the world. Its gigantic steel trusses and girders, as well as balcony fronts, was a mass of national color; flags and bunting everywhere; festoons of bunting, fans, and fountain sprays of flags, broken occasionally by a shield bearing the name of a state, then more flags. Many sections of the galleries were occupied by ladies attired in all colors and shades, with picture hats and plain Panamas, and presented from a distance the appearance of a bed of flowers stirred by a breeze, and when the band which was perched in a "crow's nest" in the north end of the building played patriotic airs the breeze was changed to a gale and the bed of roses was turned into a field of swaying sunflowers, as fans, handkerchiefs and hats waved to the rhythm of the music.

The delegates were seated on the main floor next to the chairman's platform, the ebony-hued representatives from the south in vivid contrast, both in color and numbers, to their white brothers from the north.

The monotonous drone of the megaphone man as he called the delegates' names on the roll call was broken by applause when some delegate shouted "no" when his colleagues were voting "aye."

The incident of the hysterical little woman who waved a picture of Roosevelt and shouted "Hurray for Teddy," just as everyone had got through cheering, gave the California delegation a chance to start something, which they did by starting for her and sweeping her onto the platform, and for twenty minutes pandemonium reigned. Chairman Root, who had been grinning through the whole proceeding, waved his hand and a couple of blue coats escorted the recipient of the honor back to her seat, frightened but famous, and the incident was closed.

The tickets to the convention varied in price from nothing if you had the right kind of friends, to \$50 if you had not. Thousands through "hook or crook" were unable to gain the interior of the great building. One plethoric politician with a \$25 Panama hat and a diamond stud, (evidently a resident of Chicago) remarked to another, "Don't it beat h— how these d— farmers are walking in when we can't?"

The real storm center of the political cyclone was at the Auditorium and Congress hotels, where the warring factions of Taft and Roosevelt held receptions and caucuses, laid plots and counter-

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## NARROW ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS FIRE

The fire department had a call to East Main street last Monday afternoon, but did not have very much to do after they arrived at the scene of the disturbance.

A bonfire in the rear of the Baptist church was the cause of the alarm being turned in. The sparks from the fire caught in the roof of the church and made quite a showing as the smoke was pouring from it lively, proving that there was just cause for the call. A ladder was soon erected and a bucket brigade passed a few pails of water to a man on the roof, which was sufficient to extinguish the blaze without the use of the hose. Quite a crowd collected nevertheless.

### SECRETARY SHERMAN IS HOME.

H. A. Sherman, who has served in the capacity of private secretary to National Committeeman John W. Blodgett in Chicago during the past three weeks, returned home last Sunday.

### NEW TIME TABLE.

The summer schedule of train service on the K. L. S. & C. Ry. goes into effect next Sunday, June 30. The complete time table, as per the new schedule, appears in another column of this issue.

## ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR LODGE MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Williams are Re-  
membered by Members of  
I. O. O. F.

About a year ago the members of the Paw Paw lodge I. O. O. F. surprised their brother, Deverne Williams, one evening and as a token of their respect and esteem presented him with a fine finger ring. Deverne is of a reciprocal turn of mind and to show his appreciation, invited his lodge brothers to spend an evening last week, at his home on the west bank of Maple Lake. Refreshments were served and a delightful evening's entertainment was enjoyed.

It was a failure though, as far as the object for which it was planned was concerned. Verne planned it, not alone to show his appreciation for past favors, but to get even with the boys, as it were, for the beautiful present given him last year. He is wondering now, however, if he doesn't owe a deeper debt of gratitude than before, for the boys this time presented Mr. and Mrs. Williams with a fine set of solid silver teaspoons.

## VAN BUREN CO. HIGHLY HONORED

Commissioner Hungerford  
Receives M. A. Degree  
from Olivet College.

Commissioner of schools, V. R. Hungerford, was recently accorded the honor of the M. A. degree by Olivet college.

Mr. Hungerford received the B. S. degree upon his graduation from that institution. During the past three years he has taken a special course of study and worked early and late. His efforts were rewarded in the examination last week, and he is now the proud possessor of the coveted title "Master of Arts." The Thesis prepared for this examination was a masterful production of ten thousand words on the subject "The Rural School Problem of Van Buren County."

Mr. Hungerford again has the chair in history in the summer school at the Western State Normal at Kalamazoo, a position he has held during the past five summers. He is one of the prominent educators of his county and state, and is filling the office of commissioner of schools of Van Buren county with much credit to himself. The efficiency of the educational system of this county ranks second to none.

## A FEW POINTERS FOR VILLAGE DADS

Well Known Resident Reg-  
isters a Kick Against  
Noxious Weeds

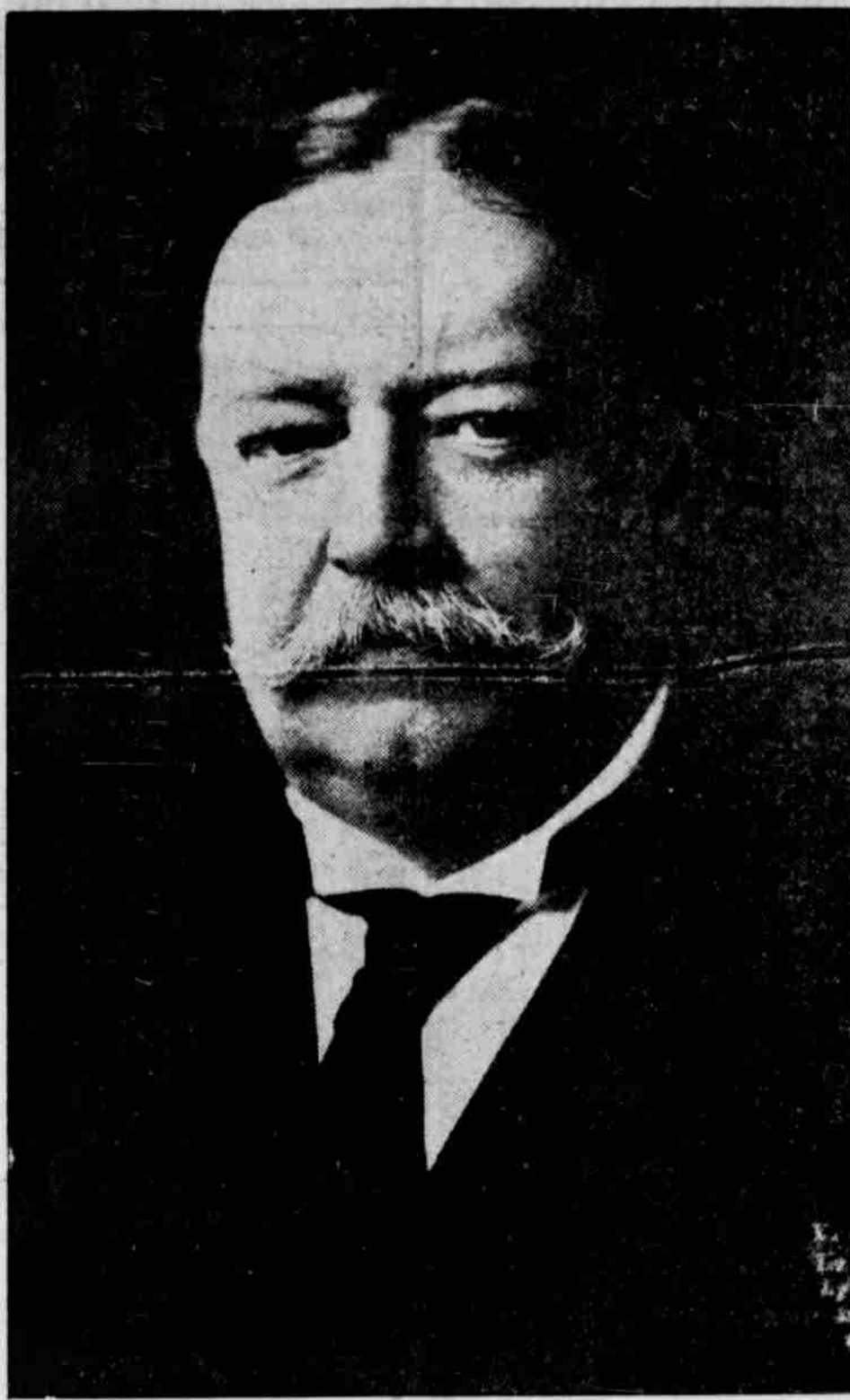
Mr. Editor:

I wish to state in just a few words as possible that I have spoken to the marshal of the village and to some of the officers of the Episcopal church in reference to the condition of the little flat-iron piece of ground on the opposite side of the street from the school house and directly in front of W. R. Sellick's and our residences. It has grown up to weeds, dock and other foul stuff and is a disgrace to the village. If it had belonged to some poor individual he would have been forced to clean it up long before this. It is right on the main thoroughfare from Detroit to Chicago and automobiles almost constantly passing it. I don't see how the people can help forming an unfavorable impression of our village and think we are not law-abiding citizens, for I think there is a law that noxious weeds shall not be allowed to grow in our streets.

Now, while I am in the kicking mood I will go a little farther and say I have the village water in my house and a few years ago they forced me to buy and pay \$8 for a meter, then that did not suit them and they made a \$3 flat rate, (which we did not begin to use) then raised it to \$5, and now dictate just what sized stream you can throw, just how often you can throw it; you have to have the nozzle just their size and the stream that is thrown would not put out the fire of a small chicken coop. It seems to me it would be more fair to raise the rate and let each pay for what water they use.

Much more could be said, but I am partially relieved and will rest.  
W. R. SIBBINS.

## NOMINATED FOR A SECOND TERM



After several days of strenuous work on the part of the republican national committee and the delegates chosen to take part, the republican convention at Chicago renominated President Taft for a second term and named as his running mate Vice-President Sherman. The nominations were made Saturday night after the convention had been in session continuously since the preceding Tuesday. The result was as anticipated, there never having been a time during the deliberations of the convention but that it was a foregone conclusion that President Taft would receive the nomination. The president received 561 votes while Mr. Sherman received 597.

The closing scenes of the convention were marked with considerable uproar, many of the Roosevelt delegates declining to take any part in the proceedings, delegates to the number of 344 failing to record their vote for any candidate.

After the renomination of President Taft a number of the Roosevelt delegates withdrew to Orchestra hall, a few blocks distant from the Coliseum and proceeded to nominate Colonel Roosevelt, who was prompt in his readiness to accept it. Just what the outcome of this minority convention will be is hard to determine.

The platform as adopted renews allegiance to the principles of the republican party and devotion to the cause of republican institutions; is opposed to special privileges and monopoly; the same certainly should be given to the law prohibiting combinations and monopolies that characterizes other provisions of commercial law in order that no part of the field of business opportunity may be restricted by monopoly or combination; reaffirms belief in a protective tariff, holding that import duties should be high enough, while yielding a sufficient revenue, to protect adequately American industries and wages. The fact that the high cost of living is not due to the protective tariff system is

### SENATOR LORIMER HERE.

The appearance of Senator Lorimer of Chicago on our streets one day last week caused no little surprise. The senator was spending a few days at his recently acquired farm west of here and visited Paw Paw to purchase some nursery stock. The Wolverine Nursery Co. were able to supply his demands in this line and the senator was so impressed with the favorable outlook of this company that he proposes investing in a few shares of stock. He was evidently more concerned with his farming operations than with the furore at Chicago, as agriculture was his only topic of conversation as he sat in front of the Wolverine store and munched bananas.

### OFF FOR PLEASURE.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Allen started last Monday for a pleasure trip, to be absent about four weeks. The objective point is Minneapolis, Minnesota, where their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Prior, lives. Mr. Allen will also go to Livingston, Montana, and to Mandan, N. D. to visit his sons, before returning home.

### RETURNED FROM VISIT.

Mrs. Wm. Snow returned Tuesday evening from Gildford, Mont., where she has been for seven weeks visiting her son Earl.

### ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED.

The Michigan Daily, the official newspaper of the University of Michigan, announces in its Wednesday issue the engagement of its editor, Walter K. Towers, to Miss Bernice Jones of the class of 1910. Mr. Towers' many friends in Paw Paw and vicinity extend with The True Northerner their most hearty congratulations.

### WILL CELEBRATE FOURTH.

Arrangements have been completed for a grand Fourth of July celebration at Bloomingdale which will far eclipse anything of the sort ever attempted.

## PAW PAW RESIDENTS VISIT OLD SCENES

Illinois Town Greets Former Well  
Known Business Men After Long  
Absence

We are in receipt of a copy of the Good Hope (Ill.) Reflector, concerning an excellent write-up of Messrs. Louis and Gustavus A. Kaiser, who have lately become residents of Paw Paw, but who at present are visiting their old home at Bushnell, Ill., where they were engaged in business for many years, and where they are familiarly known as "Louie" and "Gus." The former was for two terms a member of the upper house of the Illinois state legislature from the 28th senatorial district and for 12 years U. S. Consul to Mexico, while his brother was vice consul at the same place during the same.

These two gentlemen make their home at present with Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cadman near the village. Mrs. Cadman being a daughter of Louis Kaiser, and they will soon return to their Paw Paw home for the summer.

## NEW PASTOR GETS ROYAL WELCOME

Reception Given at Baptist  
Church Proves To Be  
Delightful Affair

The ladies of the Baptist church gave a glorious welcome last Friday evening to their new pastor and family.

The church parlors were tastefully, yet elaborately decorated with green foliage, vines and many potted ferns. As you entered you were under the impression that one of the many beautiful roof gardens had been transplanted.

The pastor, wife and son were in the receiving line, and after being introduced and given the welcome hand of good fellowship by nearly 200 members of the church and invited friends, the following program was given:

Piano duet, Mesdames Claire Harrison and W. R. Sellick.  
Vocal solos by Mr. Haworth, Blaine Warner and Helen Harrison. These were all much enjoyed.

Rev. Marshall of the Presbyterian church, and Father Clarkson of the Catholic church extended to the new pastor the welcome and good will of their respective congregations. David Anderson, in behalf of the Baptist church, gave a most cordial welcome, to which Rev. Sulzer responded in a witty and happy manner.

Dainty refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served, and all who were fortunate enough to attend enjoyed a pleasant and delightful evening. We are indeed glad to welcome so able a gentleman and his young wife and son into our midst.

## THE BEES SWARM ON OLD ST. JOE

Former Graduates of Paw  
Paw High School En-  
joy Outing.

Wednesday, June 26, was a day long to be remembered by a jolly crowd, all former graduates of our high school, who call themselves "The Bees." About nine o'clock in the morning they swarmed at the home of Mrs. Earl Glidden in Three Rivers, some arriving by auto, the others by train. The day was perfect; the baskets, and there were several, were well laden with the good things which only Faye and Grace know how to prepare, and down to the good old Saint Joe river they went, making the trip up the river in Mr. Glidden's launch. No mishaps befell the jolly crowd although some of the ladies fell in and out of the boat.

Those attending were: Jennie Hall Becker, Kendall; Blanche Parker Brigham, Decatur; Bessie Baker McDole, Kalamazoo; Bessie Holt Wilson, Ann Arbor; Halo North Hall, Grand Rapids; Eva Campbell Murch, Mattawan; Abigail Allen Walker, Paw Paw; Grace Marshall, Porter. Only two, Lulu Mathew Conner, of Lawton and Anna Lake Shanahan, Decatur, were unable to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley and Miss Margaret Bell of Three Rivers also attended. George Murch and Hugh Walker went to keep company with Mr. Glidden, and to say that they did justice to the eatables does not express it. The next reunion will be held June 28, 1914 at the home of Eva Campbell Murch in Mattawan.

## NO ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATIONS

Manager of the Southern  
Michigan Refuses to  
Co-operate.

### THE DIRECTORS ARE GUN SHY

M. D. Buskirk Explains to Readers of  
this Paper why Associations Do  
Not Co-operate.

During the winter and early spring a number of meetings were held by the directors of the principal associations of the Lawton fruit belt for the purpose of establishing a more friendly feeling between the managers and to eliminate the costly price cutting that has characterized the selling of Michigan grapes for the last several years, and secure for the growers at least a living sale.

A lot of time and thought were expended, articles were drawn, accepted and adopted by the joint boards in session.

Every man voted and signed agreeing to co-operate in the matter of inspection and also the maintaining of prices, but the meeting of June 21, when an adjuster was to be appointed, vanished all hope from the minds of the most sanguine.

The manager of the Southern Michigan, Mr. Dunham, backed by the board of directors who had been active in the previous meetings, refused to co-operate with the Union and Exchange in maintaining prices.

Their reasons, they said, was fear of the anti-trust law and visions of chains and prisons were very prevalent and became almost epidemic with Southern Michigan.

The manager of the Fruit Growers' Union, Mr. Wilkey, offered that if Mr. Dunham would set the price each evening, he, Mr. Dunham, being willing to maintain same for the next 24 hours, he, Mr. Wilkey, would not go below that price minimum.

Then another spasm of fear seized Mr. Dunham and he gasped, "I dare not, you must change the law first, I am not going to jail."

We don't wish to insinuate nor cast reflections, but the manager of the Southern Michigan is the most timid child we ever saw that has not been branded with a hot pancake griddle.

The fear of the anti-Sherman trust law, prison and chains, is all tommyrot; only an excuse to keep from being forced into a co-operation move whereby the grower could receive fair pitance for the risk, toil and outlay.

Last season's ruinous prices were not wholly the result of over production, nor the weather. The grapes were all consumed and fair prices paid by the consumer. Lack of co-operation cost this section at least, a cent a basket, meant a hundred and eight thousand dollars to this grape belt last season and the lack of it will cost another hundred thousand this year, and every grape must pay its toll. If you raise a thousand baskets of grapes, the lack of co-operation will cost you this full ten (10) dollars and that is more than the most of us have in our pockets today. If you don't believe it feel and see, Now Mr. Grape Grower, it is up to you and what are you going to do about it? Are you going to let your grapes be auctioned off to the lowest bidder as has been the custom?

Better that a few martyrs should languish in prison in a just and righteous cause, than a whole community go bankrupt.

M. D. BUSKIRK.

## CLOTHED, AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND

Doc (?) Reynolds did come home from the Chicago pow wow, and he had his hat on and was, as you might say, "clothed and in his right mind." He was a little breezy and noisy on his arrival, being so in the habit of whooping it up for somebody all the time, and was somewhat bewildered, but on being assured there was no steam roller here and that everything was all right in Peaceful Valley, he gradually took on the old look of contentment and now comes on the street as serene as ever. He has shifted the responsibility of conventions and is now ready to give you figures on painting and paper hanging.

### ATTENDED REUNION.

Wm. Kirkwood attended the reunion of the 19th Mich. Infantry of which he is a member at Dowagiac June 19, 20. The late Col. Anderson, father of Judge David Anderson, was colonel of this regiment. Their next reunion will be held at Three Rivers.